



## WESTERN CARWASH ASSOCIATION

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Delores Brown  
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Dear Ms. Brown.

The Western Carwash Association (WCA) has grown increasingly concerned about the decline in the health of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and the deteriorating reliability of this key water supply for two-thirds of all of California's residents as well as for half of the nation's produce.

WCA is an association of car-wash owners in the twelve western states, with a large membership from California. Our conveyor operators conserve precious water by using specialized high-pressure nozzles and recycling up to 85 percent of the water used per car.

We commend the Bay Delta Conservation Plan's collaborative effort among water agencies, environmental organizations, state and federal agencies. The Plan is key to mapping out a comprehensive conservation plan—and, a solution—for the Delta. And, the key to a reliable water system is a restored Delta ecosystem and a rebuilt water conveyance system.

WCA supports the BDCP's environmental review process, an essential component to the success of the ultimate plan. We applaud the goal of the plan to place the environmental health of the Delta and the reliability of our state's water system on equal footing.

All of us who live and work in California depend on a reliable water supply. We need sufficient quantity in wet years to replenish our storage systems. We need high quality water to replenish our groundwater basins and to blend with local supplies and those of the Colorado River. We need a restored Delta ecosystem and a rebuilt conveyance system. Reliability must be a cornerstone of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan.

The success of the BDCP is essential to the continued economic health of California. Thank you for the opportunity to provide input during this important scoping process.

Sincerely,

  
Sam Olivito  
Executive Director

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